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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Bud Wheeler and I had lunch with Dick Bissell on Friday. It was most rewarding, particularly in view of the background he was able to provide on the U-2, OXCART, and CORONA operations. He also had some very constructive views on CORONA management and went along with the Program E concept (which you have in hand from Wheeler) if the NRO were going to be continued along its present organizational lines.

2. We did not talk utilization of Bissell by the Agency although it was apparent to me that he is interested in [] would undoubtedly be interested in NRO, and is certainly about to be unemployed as a public servant. Joe Alsop's article this morning appears to confirm the latter. I think Bissell could do a real job for us either at [] or as Director, NRO. You may wish to sound out a few people, including yourself, on Bissell's general acceptability for employment in either of these activities.

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/s/ MSC

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